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RE: Case Number: 07-18-00032-CR
Trial Court Case Number: 2016-1261-C1

Style: Danny Wayne Alcoser v. The State of Texas

Dear Mr. Alcoser:

Pending before this Court is your *Motion to Request Self-Representation*. You indicate a desire to assist your court-appointed counsel in pursuing the above captioned appeal. You also seek to submit your own brief on the merits.

The Sixth Amendment to the United States Constitution allows a criminal defendant to represent himself at trial if the right is clearly and unequivocally asserted. *Faretta v. California*, 422 U.S. 806, 835, 95 S. Ct. 2525, 45 L. Ed. 2d 562 (1975). However, there is no constitutional right of self-representation on direct appeal from a criminal conviction because the government's interest in the fair administration of justice outweighs any invasion of an appellant's self-representation interest. *Martinez v. California*, 528 U.S. 152, 163, 120 S. Ct. 684, 145 L. Ed. 2d 597 (2000). In Texas, an appellant represented by counsel in a meritorious appeal is not entitled to hybrid representation. *Robinson v. State*, 240 S.W.3d 919, 922 (Tex. 2007).

By Order of the Court, your *Motion to Request Self-Representation* in the above-captioned appeal is denied.

Very truly yours,

Vivian Long

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xc: Honorable Ralph T. Strother (DELIVERED VIA E-MAIL)
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